

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
November 8, 2013

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on November 8, 2013 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Matthew Smith, Jr. and Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the October 4, 2013 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of October 4, 2013.

RECONSIDERATION HEARINGS

Lauren Vierra	Educational Specialist, East Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 9 months, 18 days)
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Member requested to withdraw her accidental disability application, and asked that the Committee consider her application for an ordinary disability.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Vierra's application for an ordinary disability. Ms. Malone and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay. Mr. Finelli voted to Approve.

Henry Jacques Housekeeper, Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 29 years, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **reaffirm** Mr. Jacques' application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law §36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

Mark Hanlon Housekeeper, Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 22 years, 10 months, 20 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Hanlon's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law §36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

David Palumbo Janitor, Department of MHRH. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 7 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Palumbo's application for an accidental disability pension.

Linda Acciardo

Chief Field Inspector, Department of Health.
(Estimated service credits 15 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of April 14, 2010 **Denying** Ms. Acciardo's application for an accidental disability pension.

Nicholas Romeo

Firefighter (Captain), Coventry Fire District.
(Estimated service credits 20 years, 4 months, 9 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Romeo's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Paul Venditto

Firefighter, City of Cranston. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 10 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Venditto's application for an accidental disability. Ms. Malone and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay. Mr. Finelli voted to Approve.

Alan Purtee

Juvenile Program Worker, Department of Children Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 1 month)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Purtee's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law §36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement. Ms. Malone voted Nay. Mr. Finelli voted to Approve.

Christopher Leveille

EMS Lieutenant, Central Coventry Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 7 months, 2 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Leveille's application for an accidental disability pension.

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Leveille's application for an ordinary disability.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Keith Printer

Firefighter, Cranston Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 16 years, 5 months, 20 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Printer's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Philip Brodeur

Campus Police Officer, Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 4 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Brodeur's application for an ordinary disability.

David Fournier, Sr.

Highway Maintenance Operator I, Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 11 months, 19 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Fournier's application for an ordinary disability.

Harry Coli, Jr. Semi-Skilled Laborer, CCRI. (Estimated service credits 5 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Coli's application for an ordinary disability.

Richard Saborio Teacher, East Greenwich Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 3 months, 4 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Smith:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Saborio's application for an ordinary disability.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

Agenda Discussion regarding disability process continued to next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Malone it was unanimously:

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.
GCM: gsb

November 27, 2013